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SUBJECT: INTELSAT: CHIREP/TAIWAN ACCESS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: KOREAN FONOFF STATED THAT ROKG WOULD SUPPORT ROC'S BID TO RETAIN COMMERCIAL ACCESS TO INTELSAT, BUT ASKED FOR INFORMATION BY SEPTEMBER 20 AS TO FORM OF US APPROACH AND LIST OF OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPORTING OUR PRESUMED INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 16, EMBOFF CALLED ON SHIN KI-BOK, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, MOFA, AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. SHIN SAID THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT ROKG WOULD SUPPORT POSITION OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) TO REMAIN A USER OF INTELSAT, ALTHOUGH HE SAID
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FINAL DECISION NOT EXPECTED UNTIL EARLY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20.

2. REFERRING TO AIDE MEMOIRE APPARENTLY LEFT BY ROC'S, SHIN SAID ROC'S HAD TOLD HIM SEPTEMBER 15 USG WOULD SUBMIT A DRAFT RESOLUTION AS AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION ALREADY SUBMITTED BY PAKISTANIS TO EXPEL ROC. ROC'S HAD ASKED ROKG TO CO-SPONSOR USG RESOLUTION, SHIN ADDED, BUT, IN VIEW OF NATURE OF PAKISTANI RESOLUTION, SHIN STATED THIS POINT WAS AMBIGUOUS AND WONDERED ALOUD WHAT FORM U.S. PRESENTATION OF ITS POSITION WOULD TAKE.

3. SHIN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT POSITION OF ROC IN INTELSAT WOULD BE DELICATE AND A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF 20-ODD OTHER USERS WHO ARE NON-MEMBERS, BECAUSE OF PROVISION IN INTELSAT AGREEMENT THAT BODIES HAVING ACCESS TO SATELLITE ON BEHALF OF NON-MEMBER STATES SHOULD HAVE APPROVAL OF THEIR GOVERNMENT; DEFINITION OF "GOVERNMENT" MIGHT BE PROBLEM HE SAID.

4. ALTHOUGH CONFESSING THAT HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY FAMILIAR WITH INTELSAT MATTERS, SHIN STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS NO PROVISION IN INTELSAT AGREEMENT TO HANDLE CHANGE IN ROC'S STATUS AUTOMATICALLY. THUS THERE IS NEED FOR SOME SORT OF USG INITIATIVE, SHIN ASSUMED. ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS ONLY COMMUNIST MEMBER OF INTELSAT AND STATING THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION THAT PRC WOULD JOIN INTELSAT, SHIN WORRIED THAT SOME OTHER GOVERNMENT MIGHT INSIST BODY REPRESENTING ROC NOT AUTHORIZED. (COMMENT: SHIN SEEMED TO HAVE PAKISTAN IN MIND.) SHIN ASKED FOR LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH WILL SUPPORT USG POSITION AT MEETING IN NAIROBI.

5. SHIN SAID THAT ROKG DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF TWO MEN: PAK, COUNSELLOR OF ROK EMBASSY IN NAIROBI, AND LEE, OF MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. HE ASKED WHO WOULD LEAD US DELEGATION.

6. ACTION: REQUEST ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN PARAS 2, 4, AND 5 ABOVE, PARTICULARLY LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH WILL SUPPORT USG PROPOSAL, BY OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 20, LOCAL TIME.
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7. EMBASSY INFORMED SHIN OF GIST OF REFTEL (B), BUT SHIN STATED HE STILL NEEDED INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE, BECAUSE PROBLEM OF WHETHER ROC COULD MAINTAIN ITS STATUS AS INTELSAT USER STILL REMAINS. HE ALSO SAID THAT ROKG RESPONSE WOULD DEPEND ON FORM IN WHICH USG PRESENTS ITS POSITION.
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